

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013

President Fraim called the meeting to order at the Virginia Zoo at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Burfoot, Mr. Protogyrou, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, and Mr. Winn. Ms. Williams was absent.

He then asked the City Manager to review the agenda and that being done called for the first item of business.

A. UNITED FOR CHILDREN

Lewis Webb and Sarah Bishop reported on a pilot program being implemented at the Young Terrace public housing community designed to increase educational attainment of children living in poverty by focusing on emotion and physical health, basic needs and enrichment opportunities to develop career skills. Funding for the program is from a grant from the Marcus and Joan Broch Foundation. The goal is to expand the program to Y and S schools this summer.

B. ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD STAFF UPDATE

David Freeman, Director of General Services, reported on activities of the Animal Advisory Board. He reviewed work completed by the board, presented animal save rates, initiatives to increase adoptions and board recommendations as follows:

1. Trap, neuter and release
2. Spay and neutering assistance for low-income citizens

Discussion occurred about the trap, neuter, and release opinion of the attorney general with Mr. Protogyrou asking for a way to implement a program. The consensus was to continue the matter until after the first of the year.

C. COUNCIL INTERESTS

1. Councilwoman Whibley a) referenced the wind tunnel or windmills to offshore program that was included in the Legislative Package and asked for feedback on where they're at with the program and b) asked the Administration to set aside time for discussion about committee structure and the process.
2. Vice Mayor Burfoot asked for time to talk about the Senior Tax Relief Program, noting that there is a good foundation in place, but it still needs to be tweaked. He stated that the program was intended to help certain people who have a challenging economic situation and were negatively impacted and that the city has a fiduciary responsibility to clean that up.

Mayor Fraim announced the City has been selected by the Rockefeller Foundation as a recipient of one of its 100 Resilient Cities grants that will allow for the hiring of a Chief Resilience Officer to coordinate preparing the city for unexpected events.

Council then adjourned for a tour of the Zoo's new veterinary hospital and dietary facility.